The Lord God's Biblical Narrative and Logical Inferences Therefrom

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Introduction

Since the Lord God, as he calls himself, is the sole narrator in the bible, we must parse his words carefully. Fortunately, he is a careless and sloppy narrator and inadvertently reveals more than he intends.

A careful reading of the first six chapters of the book of Genesis casts much light on this character who calls himself the Lord God.

So, then, here is the Lord God's story from his own mouth, as told in The Holy Bible, Authorised King James Version (London: Collins' Clear-Type Press, 1949).

In the first six chapters of the book of Genesis the Lord God reveals, in his own rambling and disjointed way, some important clues about his identity and background.

We will see that, by logical inferences from his words, he appears to be a part of a community of gods, males and females, who procreate among themselves and who have laws and rules which are not to be breached. These laws and rules constrain the Lord God as he engages in

the creation of the earth and beings on the earth, but especially when he creates a man and a woman in the image of the gods. Here a hard and fast law forces the Lord God to make available to these two creations the fruits of the tree of knowledge and the tree of life, giving the potential for these beings and their offspring to become gods themselves. This situation presents a nightmare scenario to the Lord God, who wants to keep all his creations under his thumb as personal playthings. The Lord God lies to the man and woman, telling them that the fruit of the tree of knowledge will kill them and commands them not to eat it. When that strategy fails, and they eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge, he becomes enraged and physically prevents them from access to the tree of eternal life and full god-hood. When the Lord God created the man and woman in his own image the trouble began. We will see how the Lord God describes his difficult dilemma as it unfolds and we will infer how the Lord God finally found himself judged by his fellow gods and impaled by his own actions.

How The Human Story Begins

As Genesis 1:27 tells us: “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female he created them.”

Genesis 2:15: “And the Lord God took the man [and woman] and put him in the garden of Eden.”

Genesis 2:16: “But the Lord God commanded the man [and woman] saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:”

Genesis 2:17: “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shall surely die.”

This, as it turned out, was a lie, since the man and woman did eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge and they did not die.

By inference we know that this lie was known to the community of gods and one of their number appeared in Eden and told the man and woman that the Lord God had lied to them and that they were free to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge.

Genesis 3:4: “And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die.”

Genesis 3:5: “For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:6 tells us the man and woman did eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge and did not die.

When the Lord God learned of this, he was livid with anger at the god-community intervention with his playground. In Genesis 3:11-19, the Lord God hurls threats and epithets at the god who dared to intervene and tell the man and woman that the Lord God was a liar. The Lord God denounces his fellow god as a serpent. But the Lord God can do no more than hurl insults at a fellow god; he has no actual power over him.

Then the Lord God lets the truth slip out when he declares in Genesis 3:22: "They had become as one of us…." The man and woman had now become as gods in knowledge. This infuriated the Lord God. The Lord God here confirms the truth told by the "serpent" who had informed the man and woman that the fruit of the tree of knowledge would not kill them. This is an enormous indictment of the Lord God. But there is worse to come.

There is something even more significant. The Lord God deliberately did not tell the man and woman of the existence in Eden of the tree of eternal life and its fruit.

The Lord God now feared with certainty that the man and woman, with their new knowledge, would reach out

and eat the fruit of the tree of life and become eternal just like the Lord God and the other gods.

Genesis 3:22-24 describes what happens next.

Genesis 3:22: “And the Lord God said, Behold the man [and woman] is become as one of us, to know good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:”

Genesis 3:23: “Therefore the Lord God sent him [and her] forth from the garden of Eden….”

Genesis 3:24: “So he drove out the man [and woman]; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden…a flaming sword which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life.”

This was done to physically prevent the man and woman from accessing the fruit of the tree of life and gaining eternal life. This appears to be a violation of the laws of the god community of which the Lord God was a part and ultimately led to the Lord God’s indictment and banishment from earth and possibly to some other eternal punishment.

The First Human Generations

In Genesis, chapters 4 and 5, the Lord God tells us about the progeny of the first man and woman and about the lifetimes of these men, and by implication, these women. The first man lived 930 years. Presumably, the first woman lived about the same number of years since they seem to have been having children throughout their lives. Those who followed mostly led lives of 800 to 900 years, but Methuselah lived 969 years.

Then, suddenly and without reason, the Lord God announces in Genesis 6:3 that henceforth the days of humans "shall be an hundred and twenty years." Apparently, this dictate is the new maximum length of life for human lives.

The Lord God never says anything about eternal life for humans except in the negative. After all, he deliberately drove the man and woman out of Eden, violating god-law in the process, to ensure that the man and woman and their progeny could not gain eternal life by eating the fruit of the tree of life that he was forced by god-law to plant there. We can take any later talk in biblical books about eternal life or life after death as just more lies from the Lord God, still playing his mind-games with his

creations on earth. The Lord God's goal all along has been to deny eternal life to humans, not to give it.

God Unleashes His Sons

In chapter six of Genesis the Lord God tells us a bit more about the god-world in his background as well as his own unhinged lack of morality and disrespect for the laws of his god-world.

Genesis 6:1: "And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them."

Genesis 6:2: "That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose."

So, the Lord God permitted or encouraged his sons, presumably very numerous, to appear on earth and rape human women.

Genesis 6:4: "…the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown."

So, the Lord God, our narrator here, seems proud of his rapist sons ravaging the women of earth and producing

half-god children who the Lord God takes pride in. Clearly, these children, though fathered by the Lord God's sons, did not have eternal life.

Giants God Created and Their Fate

The Lord God also lets slip in Genesis, chapter six, about his creation of one or more races of giants. These giants seem to be human-like but are not considered as being in the image of the gods, so that the rules of knowledge and eternal life don't appear to apply to them.

Genesis 6:4: "There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men…."

Later statements in other biblical books allow us to estimate the height of these giants.

In Numbers 13:33, their size is compared to a human's size as relative to the size of a human to a cockroach. If we take the length of a cockroach to be 2.5 inches and the length of a human in biblical times as 5 feet or 60 inches, then a giant was 24 times larger in height or 5 X 24 = 120 feet, about the height of a 12-story building.

Amos 2:9 tells of giants whose "…height was like the height of cedars…." Cedar trees in Israel grow to 130

feet in height. Some cedars may reach a height of 200 feet.

So, these giants mentioned in the bible are of enormous height. And the Lord God, in his infinite perversity, may have created several different races of giants of different sizes.

Goliath, often thought of as a giant, was actually about 9 feet 9 inches tall, according to the book of First Samuel 17:4. Thus, he appears to be a freakishly tall human male but not of a race of giants specially created by the Lord God.

As to what happened to these races of giants, the Lord God gives us an example in Amos 2:9 where he speaks of killing them off.

The Biblical Story Drones On

Life on earth went on under the tyranny of the Lord God and his "loving" tutelage. His lies continued and mounted higher. The "serpent" did not re-appear to counter the Lord God's lies. Even without further help from the "serpent" who helped humans gain knowledge, many humans saw through the paper-thin façade of the Lord God's love for humankind. This enraged the Lord God over and over again, and he meted out "loving"

retribution against these beings he had created in his own image, the image of the gods, and who had attained knowledge of good and evil. Much of humankind could easily assess the Lord God as being evil incarnate.

Genesis 6:6: “And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth….”

Genesis 6:7: “And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created….”

This angry bravado never came to pass. Perhaps such action was forbidden by god-law. The Lord God couldn’t seem to find a path out of his dilemna.

Finally, the Lord God hit on a new idea. He would send one of his sons to earth to try to persuade a reluctant humanity of his gentle and loving nature. Thus, he sent Jesus to earth. Perhaps Jesus was one of his sons mentioned in Genesis 6:4 as a rapist of early human women. In any case, Jesus may be described as a semi-god on earth since he was able to perform miracles. Jesus did his best to sell the Lord God’s lies to humankind, pressing the Lord God’s loving nature, and telling people that if they would worship the Lord God he would give them an afterlife of some kind when they died. The Lord God and Jesus were not offering the

eternal life that humankind had a right to under god-law. Jesus said all of humankind would die. But Jesus offered a nebulous afterlife spent in worship of the Lord God. However, there was no evidence or basis to believe that the Lord God would or could reanimate dead humans. It was easy enough for Jesus to "die" and then return to the community of eternal gods. It would not be possible for mortal humans to do this. Jesus did what he could, which wasn't much, to sell the warped ideas of the Lord God to a rightly skeptical humankind. Then Jesus "died" and returned to his eternal life in the god community.

The End of the Lord God on Earth

The Jesus gambit failed and perhaps this travesty of new lies was the last straw for the god community. Tolerance for the lying Lord God and his rapist sons, possibly including Jesus, had reached an end. The Lord God had denied eternal life to humans, their right under god-law concerning beings created in the image of the gods. He had continuously lied to these humans he created in his image. He had sent or allowed his sons to go to earth and rape human women at will. He had sent one of his sons, perhaps one of the rapists, to earth to tell more lies to humans.

We don't know how time plays out for the gods. But, whether in short or long god-time, the end was set to play out. Within perhaps a hundred human years of Jesus' sojourn on earth, the Lord God no longer visited earth. He no longer spoke to humans or appeared to them. He disappeared from earthly affairs completely, as though he had vanished in smoke. Two thousand years have now passed without a peep from the Lord God. Why?

It seems a reasonable inference that the god community had had enough of his reckless and lawless activity on earth, and of his rapist sons. It seems reasonable to assume, at a minimum, that the Lord God was ordered permanently out of the affairs of earth, human or otherwise. And perhaps his fate was worse. We don't know how things play out in the god community. Might the gods have terminated the Lord God and his rapist sons?

I would love to hear from Mrs. Lord God and her daughters and her non-rapist sons, if any, how they feel about this whole earth episode. And I would like to hear from the god that the Lord God called a serpent on his views of the entire matter. Indeed, the serpent's testimony among the gods may be what led to the

termination of the Lord God's ill-fated and twisted career as a creator and overseer of earth.

The community of gods deserve our thanks for finally waking up to the Lord God's depravity and pulling the plug on his activities. We are better off without the Lord God looking over our shoulders and demanding that we worship him.

Having eaten the fruit of the tree of knowledge, we humans have known ever since then that the Lord God is a lying monster. He foolishly spells out the whole sordid story in his own narration as recorded in the bible. The book of Genesis in its early chapters gives away the whole scam. The Lord God condemns himself with his own words.

Conclusion

Like most mythologies involving gods, the mythology of the Lord God is a horrifying mess, rife with lies, duplicity, anger, revenge and hatred. The Lord God and the story he tells of himself in the bible is an abhorrent example of this class of mythology. His persona, as he displays himself throughout the books of the bible, is pathetic, sadistic and despicable.